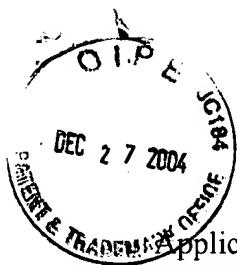


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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the period for responding to the Office Action dated July 23, 2004, be extended Two-months from October 23, 2004, to and including December 23, 2004.

A check for the required large entity fee for extension for response within the third month. Please note that applicant has previously submitted payment for a one month extension in the amount of \$110.00. Accordingly, payment in the amount of \$340.00 is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447 (47168-00035USC1). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for that purpose.


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